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I would have a serious look at just what Microsoft is getting in this latest deal. Donating a billion dollars worth of hardware and software to poor school districts is a kind gesture on the surface - BUT, look at it from Microsoft's perspective. What they are being allowed to do is flood the education market with their own products and they are harming other manufacturers who rely a great deal on this market. Their donation (mildly punitive settlement) could possibly be used to gain tax advantages. The school districts will eventually have to upgrade their products and rest assured it won't be with other vendors' products. There is also the issue of servicing and support. This also is another revenue stream for Micosoft. I understand that the school districts can take the cash option and buy what best suits them. This won't happen since Microsoft rules the computing world - they will buy Microsoft!

Is this an oversight on the part of the government or is this a blatant compromise to just end this whole affair? Whatever it is, it must be stopped.

I do plead ignorance on the terms and conditions of the latest settlement, however, even I can see just what Microsoft is getting here - it's a free gift from the government. Please don't allow Microsoft the opportunity to walk. People are angry and tired - do the right thing.

Thanks for your time.

James

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